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### **Lorne Craner**

Lorne Craner returned to the International Republican Institute (IRI) as President on August 2, 2004, following his unanimous selection by IRI's Board of Directors.

Previously, Craner was Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor for Secretary of State Colin Powell. Among other accomplishments during his three year tenure, he contributed to the conception and implementation of President Bush's approach to democratization in the Middle East, sharpened the Administration's focus on human rights in Central Asia, initiated the first U.S. Government programs to advance democracy in China, and helped construct the Millennium Challenge Account's "good governance" criteria. Upon his departure from the State Department, Secretary Powell presented Craner with the Distinguished Service Award, the Department's highest honor.

From 1995 through 2001, Craner, as the International Republican Institute's President, led IRI to new levels of programmatic achievement, fundraising, financial accountability and news coverage. He joined IRI as Vice President for Programs in 1993.

From 1992 through 1993, Craner was Director of Asian Affairs at the National Security Council under Brent Scowcroft. From 1989 through 1992, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs.

Craner was Senator John McCain's foreign policy advisor from 1986 to 1989, serving concurrently as the Republican staffer on the Senate Central America negotiations observer group. He began his career as the foreign policy advisor to Congressman Jim Kolbe.

A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Craner sits on the Board of the National Committee on U.S. China Relations and the Chairman's Advisory Council of the U.S. Institute of Peace. He also sits on the Board of Directors of Internews Network, a non-profit organization supporting open media worldwide. Craner has testified on numerous occasions before House and Senate Committees, and his work in and out of government has been covered by the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Washington Times, NPR, the BBC, and other domestic and foreign media.

Craner received his masters in National Security Studies from Georgetown University and his bachelor's degree from Reed College in Portland, Oregon.